



**Dear Applicant:**

**Thank you for your interest in postdoctoral training in Clinical Psychology at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital. Hines VA was approved to offer postdoctoral training in Clinical Psychology beginning September 2008. Our Clinical Psychology fellowship program offers five emphasis areas within the umbrella of Clinical Psychology. These emphasis areas include: 1) Integrated Care and Behavioral Medicine, 2) Medical Rehabilitation Psychology, 3) Neuropsychology, 4) Primary Care and Health Psychology and 5) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Substance Abuse. All fellowship positions are for one year. A second year of more focused training in clinical neuropsychology, outside the auspices of this Program, is available to the Fellow in our Neuropsychology emphasis. The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is designed to meet the Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology. To that end, our Fellowship Program submitted its self study to the Commission on Accreditation in September, 2011, to apply for accreditation by the American Psychological Association. Our Brochure details the program's philosophy, training model, programmatic structure and training opportunities. Our large and growing Psychology Service enthusiastically welcomes your application and the possibility of providing you postdoctoral training.**

**The Fellowship year begins August 27, 2012, and concludes August 26, 2013. The stipend is \$46,287.**

**Training occurs within a very warm and nurturing environment that is conducive to fellows' professional growth and to their development of an identity as a professional psychologist. Our program is learning – and training-based, as opposed to production-based. Service delivery is subsumed under the Fellows' training needs and interests. Fellows follow a somewhat**

flexible rotational training schedule within their area of Emphasis, focusing on their training needs and interests. Our staff is dedicated to training and to mentoring fellows, and intensive supervision and education are Program priorities.

Our Program attempts to recruit a diverse fellowship class through affording consideration to applicants' diversity status, through formal non-discrimination policy, and through its clinical and didactic programming that demonstrates the strong value the Program places on diversity and multicultural competence. We try to ensure that our class is characterized by cultural and individual diversity as well as geographic and theoretical diversity. We strongly believe that a mix of students from various universities and demographic backgrounds makes for a rich training experience.

Our Brochure is available on our webpage and provides you comprehensive information about our program. The Brochure is 111 pages long, so if you would prefer one mailed to you rather than printing one out yourself, feel free to email me at [bernie.sladen@va.gov](mailto:bernie.sladen@va.gov). I will be happy to mail you a copy.

The complete application package must be received on or before January 10, 2012. (Please refer to the link on our webpage titled "Fellowship Applications"). Applicants will be notified by January 31, 2012, that they are invited, or not invited, for an interview. Out-of-town applicants may want to apply early in the event that travel arrangements must be made for February interviews. Again, please refer to the link on our webpage titled "Fellowship Applications".

We have recently hired seven psychologists in Psychology Service. This may result in various supervisory and rotational enhancements for the class of 2012-13. I will provide updated information regarding these positive developments to applicants we interview in February.

We look forward to your application and to the possibility of meeting you this winter.

Sincerely,

**BERNARD J. SLADEN, Ph.D.**  
Psychology Training Director